

to start a business, knowing the business will fail, then using that failure as a justification for not giving the assistance to the uplift economically of black communities that they don't want to give in the first place. By setting up an unacceptable proposition, then saying that the failure of those to whom it is offered to accept it, shows their unreasonableness is not correct. The Legislature I think is being unreasonable this morning. There is not an attempt to solve this problem. I am beginning to believe that what has been said about the power of the state education association may be true. On any other measure with the seriousness and the high profile that this Christian school issue has taken I don't believe there would be the handling of it in the way that we are handling this one today. If this that is being offered satisfies nobody, why do it? So that somebody can trot out of here when they are seeking campaign funds and say, well look, I didn't hurt you, I didn't hurt you, I did the best that I could but those other guys wouldn't do what they were supposed to do? Senator Peterson, what I see being done with this bill is a forging of a link here, a portion of chain there, a shackle in the other part and when you get through the Christian school is going to look like one of my ancestors looked, chained from head to foot, shackled like a beast, unable to function as either a beast or a human being. Either you ought to say that these Christian schools are schools and they are going to meet the standards of every other school or you ought to leave them alone. You ought to let them function the way they want to function, but to come up with a hybrid such as this, a compromise on a moral issue is worse than an outright immorality because you will not take a position one way or the other though you know what it is. You know what the position ought to be. This this morning and my language is aimed at the provisions, not those who are offering them...

SENATOR KAHLE: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...because there can be differences of opinion, I think these provisions are reprehensible. There is as much attempt through camouflage, subterfuge and smoke screens to regulate these Christian schools while pretending that is not being done. Then those people will be put in